



Committee on City Services and the Northampton City Council

Committee Members:

Chair: Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge

Vice-Chair: Councilor Karen Foster

Councilor Rachel Maiore

Councilor Michael J. Quinlan, Jr.

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 7, 2021

Virtual Meeting

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

At 4:02 p.m., Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge (Chair) called the meeting to order. On a roll call, Councilor LaBarge, Councilor Karen Foster (Vice Chair), Councilor Rachel Maiore and Councilor Michael J. Quinlan, Jr. were present. Also present was Administrative Assistant Laura Krutzler

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDING

Councilor LaBarge announced that the meeting was being audio/video recorded.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There being no members of the public present, there was no public comment.

4. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021

Councilor Quinlan moved to approve the minutes of February 1, 2021. Councilor Maiore seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

5. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

A. 21.268 Reappointments to Various Committees - referred by City Council 5/6/2021

Agricultural Commission

John J. Bobala, 25 Old Ferry Road, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Richard E. Jaescke, 774 Bridge Road, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Robert Vollinger, 460 North Farms Road, Florence

Term: July 2021-June 2023

Reappointment

Earle "Chip" Parsons, 137 Mill Valley Road, Hadley

Term: July 2021-June 2023

Reappointment

Central Business Architecture Committee

Joseph Blumenthal, 39 Chapel St., Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Urban Forestry Commission

Susan Lofthouse, 15 Stoddard Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Council on Aging

Robert Dionne, 87 Vernon Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Jeanne Hoose, 36 South Park Terrace, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Historical Commission

Dylan Gafney, 23 Marshall Street, Northampton

Term: July 2019-June 2022

Reappointment

Barbara Blumenthal, 39 Chapel Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Housing Partnership

Julio Alves, 35 Fort Hill Terrace, Northampton

Term: July 2021- June 2024

Reappointment

James Reis, 108 Coles Meadow Road, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Parks and Recreation Commission

Julia Chevan, 8 Cosmian Avenue, Florence

Term: July 2020-June 2023

Reappointment

Planning Board

George Kohout, Full Member, 234 State Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Zoning Board of Appeals

Maureen Scanlon, 197 Nonotuck Street, Florence

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Councilor LaBarge noted that they have fifteen reappointments. She said she would break them into categories. She listed the four candidates for reappointment to the Agricultural Commission.

Councilor Quinlan moved to forward the reappointments of John J. Bobala, Richard Jaescke, Robert Vollinger and Earle “Chip” Parsons to the Agricultural Commission to the full city council with a positive recommendation. Councilor Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Foster moved to forward the reappointment of Joseph Blumenthal to the Central Business Architecture Committee (CBAC) to the full city council with a positive recommendation. Councilor Maiore seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Maiore moved to forward the reappointment of Susan Lofthouse to the Urban Forestry Commission (UFC) to the full city council with a positive recommendation. Councilor Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Quinlan moved to forward the reappointments of Robert Dionne and Jeanne Hoose to the Council on Aging (COA) to the full city council with a positive recommendation. Councilor Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Maiore moved to forward the reappointments of Dylan Gaffney and Barbara Blumenthal to the Historical Commission to the full city council with a positive recommendation. Councilor Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Foster moved to forward the reappointments of Julio Alves and James Reis to the Housing Partnership to the full city council with a positive recommendation. Councilor Maiore seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Maiore moved to forward the reappointment of Julia Chevan to the Parks and Recreation Commission to the full city council with a positive recommendation. Councilor Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Maiore said Julia Chevan is her constituent and she is wonderful. She has invited all councilors to come try out pickle ball at 4 p.m. at the Look Park tennis courts on Sunday at 4 p.m.

Councilor Quinlan moved to forward the reappointment of George Kohout to the Planning Board to the full city council with a positive recommendation. Councilor Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Foster moved to forward the reappointment of Maureen Scanlon to the Zoning Board of Appeals to the full city council with a positive recommendation. Councilor Maiore seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

B. 21.273 Reappointments to Various Committees - referred by City Council 5/20/2021

Arts Council

Danielle Amodeo, 50 Union Street, Apt. #13, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Freeman Stein, 27 Fairfield Avenue, Florence,

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Council on Aging

Cynthia Langley, 419 Fairway Village, Leeds

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Housing Partnership

Jennifer Dierenger, 60 North Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021- June 2024

To fill a vacancy

Urban Forestry Commission

Jen Werner, 16 Winthrop Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Molly Hale, 96 Oak Street, Florence

Term: July 2021-June 2023

Reappointment

Councilor Maiore moved to forward the reappointments of Danielle Amodeo and Freeman Stein to the Northampton Arts Council to the full city council with a positive recommendation. Councilor Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Maiore moved to forward the reappointment of Cynthia Langley to the Council on Aging to the full city council with a positive recommendation. Councilor Quinlan seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Quinlan said he had a very brief discussion with Jennifer Dierenger this morning. He doesn't know Jen but met her on the phone today. She used to be on the Planning Board and when she was on the Planning Board she was the Planning Board appointee to the housing partnership. She is an attorney who teaches a business law course at UMass and has a career in her personal life to advocate for residents of affordable housing.

Councilor Quinlan moved to forward the appointment of Jennifer Dierenger to the Northampton Housing Partnership to the full city council with a positive recommendation. Councilor Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Foster moved to forward the reappointments of Jen Warner and Molly Hale to the Urban Forestry Commission to the full city council with a positive recommendation. Councilor Maiore seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

6. New Business

Members discussed upcoming departmental presentations and whether they wanted to reschedule the Animal Control Officer's presentation.

Councilor Foster said she would still enjoy talking to Shayla Howe and thought it might help put the requirements of the job into context before a new site is found. She mentioned that there is a meeting tomorrow at the Northampton Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (NSPCA). She is unable to attend but said she would follow up after. Councilor Maiore said she *is* planning to go, so she would report back.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Councilor Quinlan moved to adjourn. Councilor Foster seconded. The motion carried 4:0 by roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

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